

Art Unit: 2416

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dexter Chang on 6/17/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9 line 2, delete "such" After "path"

Claim 9 line 3, delete "that" before "said"

Claim 9, line 2, insert -- for -- after "recovery path"

Claim 9 line 3, delete "is capable of switching" after "PSL"

Claim 9, line ³~~2~~, insert -- to switch -- after "PSL"

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-21** allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. **Claims 1, 2, 11, 12 and 21** are allowed because the closest prior art, Shew et al. (US Patent 6,530,032) in view of Lee et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2002/0060985), fails to anticipate or render obvious the concept restoring link after node failure in a MPLS network, by setting up a recovery path. The label switching router (LSR) sending a failure message including label switching paths processed as protection groups, to a LSR located two or more stages upstream(claims 1, 11, and 21) down streams (claims 2 and 12), in combination with all other limitations in the claim (s) as defined by applicant.

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